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- (a) (1) Unless the Committee provides otherwise, the Code of Maryland Regulations and the Register may not reprint any text from:
  - (i) the Annotated Code of Maryland;
  - (ii) the Session Laws;
  - (iii) the United States Code;
  - (iv) the United States Statutes at Large;
  - (v) the Code of Federal Regulations;
  - (vi) the Federal Register; or
- (vii) any other generally available publication that the Administrator specifies.
- (2) State statutes as described under paragraph (1)(i) and (ii) of this subsection need not be incorporated by reference.
- (3) (i) Federal laws as described under paragraph (1)(iii), (iv), (v), and (vi) of this subsection may be incorporated by reference.
- (ii) Federal law incorporated by reference after October 1, 2005, shall be identified by using the phrase "incorporated by reference".
  - (iii) The unit incorporating federal law may:
- 1. incorporate only a specified version of that law by specifying a date; or
- 2. incorporate future versions of that law by using the phrase "as amended".
- (4) (i) Other publications as described in paragraph (1)(vii) of this subsection may be incorporated by reference by:

- 1. satisfying the requirements of § 23–303 of the Education Article, except as determined by the Administrator; and
- 2. complying with Title 10, Subtitle 1 of this article and with other requirements specified by the Administrator.
- (ii) Incorporated documents shall be identified by using the phrase "incorporated by reference".
- (iii) The incorporation shall specify an edition number, year, or other specific indication of the version being adopted.
- (iv) Prospective incorporation is not permitted for this category of document.
- (v) Agency generated documents have the additional requirement of providing the Division with an electronic version ready for publication on the Division website as required by § 7–206.2 of this subtitle.
- (b) (1) If the Administrator determines that publication would be in the public interest, nothing in this section prohibits the Administrator from publishing factual information concerning:
- (i) documents published or to be published in the Code of Maryland Regulations and the Register; or
  - (ii) the Code of Maryland Regulations and the Register.
- (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle or Title 10, Subtitle 1 of this article, the Code of Maryland Regulations and the Register may not include news material or a press release, speech, or other comment.

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